

CLAIM AMENDMENT

Claim 1. (currently amended) Coupling sleeve connecting a threaded rock bolt (1) to an impact rock drilling machine (2), said coupling sleeve comprising a first part (3) provided with an internal thread (4) for connection of the rock bolt (1), and a second part (5) provided with an internal thread (6) for connection of the rock drilling machine (2), characterized in that the second part (5) comprises a locking device (7) arranged substantially transversely to a longitudinal axis (9) of the coupling sleeve, said locking device cooperating with a region (8) on the rock drilling machine (2) for preventing separation of the coupling sleeve and the rock drilling machine (2), wherein percussion energy is transmitted from the rock drilling machine to the rock bolt during a percussion operation when the locking device is unloaded, and said locking device retains the rock drilling machine connected to the coupling sleeve when said rock bolt is disconnected from said coupling sleeve.